

1 I think there is certainly merit in having an independent
2 Board of Revenue Estimates. Whether that is achieved by
3 having an elected Comptroller I think is a matter perhaps
4 for some caveat.

5 The State Retirement Systems to which he
6 refers are again highly significant. Again, I do not
7 see the necessity for having an elected Comptroller to
8 have an adequate management and administration of the
9 State Retirement Systems.

10 We hope that the Commission will sustain its
11 prior position and allow the two Chief Executive Officers
12 of the State to be constitutionally elected to be the
13 Governor and the Lieutenant Governor. We think that there
14 is no other necessity, there is no other level of govern-
15 ment at which anybody other than these people are, in the
16 administrative branch, are chosen by popular vote.
17 Certainly, at the Federal level it is not done. At none
18 of the local levels under the current charter form of
19 government at least it is not done, and it seems no reason
20 in our opinion to make an exception of it at the State
21 level.